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The reply filed on September 12, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The listing of the claims does not comply with the required amendment format. See 37 CFR 1.121. The newest listing of claims replaces and supersedes all prior claims. However, the instant claims listing introduces amendments without underlining matter being inserted into the claims. Claims 1 and 7 were amended by the amendment filed January 27, 2003. The current claims listing alters the claim language of Claims 1 and 7 without underlining, bracketing, or properly identifying the status of the claims as "currently amended" rather than "previously amended." If Applicants wish to retain the claim language as filed in the amendment of January 27, 2003 a new claims listing is required. If Applicants wish to amend claims a properly compliant amendment is required. See 37 CFR 1.121.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Direct the response to the undersigned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne-Marie Falk, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 306-9155. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays from 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached on (703) 305-4051. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the patent analyst, William Phillips, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3482.

Art Unit 1632 will be moving to the new USPTO headquarters on January 13, 2004. After that, Examiner Falk can be reached at (571) 272-0728 and Examiner Reynolds can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

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